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in Subterranean Formations

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In response to the Office Action (Restriction) mailed on May 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.